

April 24, 2013

The Life of Ruth Thompson



- Services for Ruth Thompson, 87, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Friday, April 26 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Pastor Nancy Manning will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date in Groton Union Cemetery.
- Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.
- Ruth Thompson was born to Melvin and Laura (Lensegrav) Smith, rural Kidder, SD. She was baptized and confirmed at the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church rural Kidder, SD. After graduation from Havana High School, She attended Northern State College, graduating with a degree of secondary education.

She taught school in Marshall County at (Newark), in Brown County at Hecla and Groton. She married Ivan Thompson on August 29, 1948 and they lived on the Thompson farmstead Northwest of Groton. After the passing of Ivan in July 1984, she remained on the farm until September 2006 when she moved to Sun Dial Manor in Bristol, SD. She resided until the time of her death on April 21, 2013.

- Ruth was a member of the Eastern Star, Diana Chapter 83 of Groton and also a member of Putney Ladies Aid.
- Survivors include four children: daughters, Cindy and (Gregg) Finlay of Apple Valley, MN; Janice and (Kurt) Haugland of Mesa, AZ; Janet Thompson of Tempe, AZ; son, Lee and (Jennifer) Thompson of Groton, five grandchildren, Rebecca Finlay (Andrew) Twedt, St. Paul, MN; Ian Finlay of Boulder CO; Shay and (Lynn) Thompson of Centerville, MN; James Thompson and Emily Thompson of Groton, two great-grandchildren, Michael and Mason Thompson, Centerville, MN; her sister, Blanche Schlagel of Britton, SD., brother-in-law, Reuben Reisenweber of Lidgerwood, ND and sister-in law, Inga Smith of Foreman, ND.
- She was preceded in death by her husband Ivan, her parents, her sister Harriet Reisenweber and her brother Tom Smith.
- Casketbearers will be Sam Smith, Mark Reisenweber, Claude Schlagel, Ralph Smith, Terry Thompson and Gary Thurston.